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PRESIDENT WILL REST.

Administration Affairs Justify the Chief Magistrate in Taking a Vacation.

Will Not Have More Troops Than Circumstances Require.—General Clayton Dined.

President McKinley has not worked harder at any time during the last year than during the present week. He is disposing of all the pressing matters of importance, in order that he may devote the short vacation he will take next week at Thomasville, Ga., where he and Mrs. McKinley, Vice President and Mrs. Hobart and several mutual friends will be the guests of Senator Hanna, to getting the complete rest he needs. Unless his present plans are changed, there will be no speeches made on his southern trip. He has got domestic affairs in good shape, and is satisfied that things are moving smoothly in Cuba. In the Philippines, Gen. Otis has begun a campaign that is expected to result in the clearing out of Aguinaldo's army and the placing of the islands on a peaceable basis. This campaign is to be as aggressive as the circumstances may demand, but there are grounds for the expectation that not a great deal of fighting will be required, and that negotiations conducted by the American Civil Commission will result in a great many of the ill-advised followers of Aguinaldo voluntarily returning to peaceable vocations; they have only to be convinced that Aguinaldo's statement that the Americans would kill all who surrendered themselves is false, in order to get them to leave him, and the Commissioners think they can do that.

The committee named by the Republican caucus of the House to prepare a financial bill to be introduced as soon as the next Congress assembled, held several preliminary meetings in Washington this week, and decided to meet at Atlantic City April 17th, and to continue in session until a bill was agreed upon. A subcommittee, consisting of Representatives Henderson, Payne and Overstreet, conferred with some of the Republican members of the Senate committee on finance, which was given authority to sit during the recess, to ascertain the feasibility of joint action. Nothing definite came of the conference, owing to the absence of Senator Aldrich, Chairman of the Finance Committee. But Mr. Aldrich will return from Europe in ample time to arrange for co-operation with the House caucus committee, and there is little doubt that he will do so, as far as he can.

Mr. W. D. Rittenhouse, of Sitka, Alaska, who is in Washington, paid the following deserved compliments: "The people of Alaska will never cease to be grateful to Senator Carter, of Montana, and Senator Shoup, of Idaho, for their splendid and unselfish work in behalf of our territory. In the closing days of the Congress just ended, these Senators worked faithfully for the bill to give Alaska a penal code, and it was largely due to their untiring zeal, ably seconded by the persistent efforts of Representative Warner, of Ill., in the House, that this sorely needed legislation was enacted."

Gen. Powell Clayton, U. S. Ambassador to Mexico, has just concluded a visit to Washington, during which he was paid some unusual courtesies. He dined with President and Mrs. McKinley and with Senator and Mrs. Hanna.

Consul General DeLeon, at Guayquil, Ecuador, says on an important subject, in a report just made to the Department of State: "I confess that I have little hope of seeing U. S. manufactures sold to any great extent on this coast until we have an isthmian canal. At present business is handicapped by the excessive rates charged by the steamship line—double, and in some cases triple those from Europe."

President McKinley has shown how sincere he was in saying when the Hull army bill was before Congress, that if it became a law he would not enlist the full number of men authorized for the regular army, unless they were absolutely needed, by deciding to confine the enlistments for the army provided for in the army bill that became a law to the regulars until further notice, and not to make a call for the 25,000 two-year volunteers authorized by the bill at all, if the government can get along without them, and his present impression is that it can do so. This is the man whose rabid Democrats were only a few weeks ago charging with a desire to control a large army in order that he might use it to destroy the liberties of the people.

He declined enlisting a man more than is needed to uphold the honor of the country. How many Democrats will give him the credit he is entitled to for taking this stand, which is at once economical and patriotic? Before deciding whether Cubans and Filipinos will be allowed to enlist in the regular army, the President wishes to get the views of Gen. Brooke and Otis as to its advisability, and they have been asked to submit them. The work of bringing the volunteers now in Cuba home and mustering them out has already begun and is expected to be completed by May 1st.

The Military Court of Inquiry is now in Chicago, where it will make a thorough investigation of all the meet packing establishments, after which it will return to Washington and complete its work.

Republican Primaries.

WHITEOAK TOWNSHIP.
The Republicans of Whiteoak township will meet at Mowrystown on March 17th from 3 to 5 p. m., to nominate candidates to be voted for at the April election. L. P. DRUMMOND, Committeeman.

MARSHALL TOWNSHIP.
Notice is hereby given to the Republican electors of Marshall township that there will be a primary election held at Marshall on Thursday, March 16, from 3 to 4 o'clock, to nominate a township ticket to be voted for April 3d. By order Committee.

UNION TOWNSHIP.
The Republican voters of Union township, Highland county, Ohio, will meet at Willettsville on Wednesday, March 23d, 1899, at 4:30 p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted for at the coming April election. W. A. ORANGE, Committeeman.

PENN TOWNSHIP.
The Republicans of Penn township, Highland county, Ohio, will meet at Samanths on Saturday, March 18, 1899, at one o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following township offices to be voted for at the coming spring election: one trustee, one treasurer, one assessor, one justice of the peace. C. F. UNDERWOOD, Committeeman.

Our Destiny.

It o'erwhelms me, 'tis grand to see
A land so great, a land so free;
Its emblem bright on many a height,
The stars and stripes—unfurled to sight.
A royal land with sovereign hand,
Where every man a prince may stand;
His will expressed as sovereign best,
Thus laws are made at his behest.
No greater men with sword or pen
Hath any land than this, I ken;
Those of the past while time shall last,
Will be a theme of poets' cast.
A bounteous yield,—the nation's shield;
The land o'erflows from cultured field;
Great streams and hills 'mid plains and hills,
Where grass the herds, where hum the mills.
From northern line to southern clime,
We garner grain, we train the vine;
On either shore where oceans roar,
Ships come and go with precious store.
Our skill's removed the world around;
All o'er the earth its fruits are found;
These products, sold outside the fold,
Retain vast stores of precious gold.
A royal theme—our schools supreme;
There's none on earth so grand, I ween;
In great and small, there's room for all,
When countless bells ring out the call.
Down-trodden man, whose earthly span
Is despot's will—a fearful ban—
We'll lift thee up, and hold the cup,
That from the fountain, thou may'st sup!
We stripped to fight; stood for the right;
Our motives blazoned in the light;
The world amazed, our valor praised;
For fallen man a beacon raised.
O'er conquered realm, we take the helm,
Nor fear such charge may overwhelm;
The ship of state, which we reverse,
'Mid' shocks and rocks we'll safely steer.
From lands oppressed, where few may rest,
We hasten, "Come!" we hail the guest;
No more to be on headed knee,
Bow'd down to monarch. Thou art free.
To all that's dear there is no peer;
For destiny we need no fear.
On every hand throughout the land,
Freedom's banners staunchly stand.
Our stream of time would ebb and flow,
Where each may worship at his shrine,
Or do and dare as free as air,
That which is right, that which is fair.
O! land so free, O! home for me,
To thee I give my hearty love;
Thou patriot—why still persist?
—Bow down thy head; despise the mist.
Highland, O. J. A. E.

Strawberry Plants.

I have strawberry plants to sell by the gross or thousand. Standard varieties. Buy and sell but grow every thing I sell. Try me with an order. JOHN DEWEY, Hillsboro, Ohio.

OUR SOISSORS.

Facts and Fancies Not Local But Nevertheless of Local Interest.

Why Forger Lewis Remains in the Penitentiary.—Money in Peaches.

FORGER LEWIS.

The opposition of Treasurer Gowery, of Champaign, is said to be one thing that stands between Forger Zachary T. Lewis and liberation on parole from the penitentiary. When Lewis was in the heyday of his career, and was forging and selling bonds right and left, he swindled Gowery out of \$13,000. Now Lewis is broken down in health, and almost at the point of death, but Gowery has not relaxed his opposition. The officials of the penitentiary are said to favor his release on parole, as in his present condition physically he could not be dangerous even if he had the disposition to be.—EX.

HIDY LAID FOR HIM.

Barney Campbell is an undertaker. But he enjoys a laugh with the best of them. This one was on him. He hitched up his buggy the other day to drive out to his sister's farm in the country. After he arrived there he heard a commotion in the buggy and looking out saw a little seabright hen emerge from under the seat and set up a loud cackle of triumph. On investigation a nest was discovered with four eggs in it. The hen had united business with pleasure and while enjoying the ride had laid an egg. The hen belonged to a neighbor's little girl and Barney is trying to square himself with her for driving away with "Hiddy."—Blanchester Star.

MONEY IN PEACHES.

There is a fortune to the man who will plant a large tract of land in peach trees. He will have to wait five or six years for returns, but when they do come there is big money in the business. The southern slopes of our hills are especially adapted to the growth of the peach tree, which in due time bears plenty of fruit.—Wellston Sentinel.

POTATO CULTURE.

J. H. Chaney, of Highland county, who was in this place a couple of weeks ago, selling potatoes, and who had informed us that he had raised 5,700 bushels of potatoes last year, read a paper before the Highland county farmer's institute last week from which we take the following: "To the beginner," he said, "go slow to start. Plant nothing but the best seed, free from scab and all other diseases. Don't plant the small potatoes from your crop, year after year, and expect anything else but small potatoes to reward you for your labor. Good seed is of first importance. Then after you have your ground properly prepared, the seed planted and get a good stand, you are ready to look to the important factor, the cultivation. Make incessant warfare on weeds, and ever remember the weeds and potatoes won't grow in the same hill. If your ground is loose, cultivate shallow; if hard, plow deep, for potatoes will not grow in hard ground. This was an excellent paper, and Mr. Chaney, as he left to take the train for home, met many anxious questions in pushing his way through the crowd."—Georgetown News.

A PRETTY PENNY.

Prisoner Ball, of Lawrence county, doing to years for burglary, has fallen heir to \$115,000 from a deceased aunt in England. His sister, Ella Russell, of Cincinnati, is equal heir with him. Other prisoners are wishing they had rich aunts in—well, most anywhere.—O. P. News.

Ed. Meek's Success.

Edward Meek, who is so favorably known here as a musician of ability, whose instructions at Chicago and at Crawfordsville, Ind., have won him such renown as a voice-builder, expects to present the Cantata of Esther at the latter place on the evening of March 14th, for the benefit of the High School Library. Mr. Meek is becoming widely known as a baritone soloist, and he receives honorable mention in the March issue of the Musical Record, where an excellent portrait of him also appears.—Chillicothe News.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the name of Hugh J. Ervin as a candidate for Water Works Trustee subject to the decision of the Republican primary.

We are authorized to announce the name of Frank Leslie as a candidate for Township Trustee, subject to the decision of the Republican primary.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

A Large Vote Pollled and a Strong Ticket Selected by Liberty Township Republicans.

The Republicans of Liberty township held their primary election Saturday afternoon between the hours of two to six. It was very largely attended considering that there was a contest over only one office and that the office of Constable for this office Chas. C. Shade and John I. Young were applicants. Shade received 252 votes and Young 110.

Four hundred and thirty-three persons voted, being over half the entire Republican vote. Much interest was manifested, and one of the best and strongest tickets was selected in Liberty township is the result. Every man on the ticket is worthy of the support of the citizens of Liberty township, and entirely capable of fulfilling the duties thereof.

The ticket selected was: Trustee, Frank Leslie; Treasurer, R. B. Fairley; Assessor, S. P. John Arthur; Assessor, N. P. W. W. Thomas; Constable, C. C. Shade; Justice of the Peace, H. H. Maddox.

The polls were opened promptly on the hour in accordance with the call, and the Republican electors seemed anxious to cast their votes. No disturbance of any kind occurred. The only incident of the day that attracted any attention was the challenging of John Evans in the North Precinct and Sam Arsen in the South Precinct on the grounds of not being Republicans. Both refused to qualify.

Temperance Lecture.

The Rev. James Thoms, Ph. D., of Cincinnati, will deliver his lecture on "The Great Destroyer," next Wednesday, March 23d, in the Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro at 8 p. m. Dr. Thoms was formerly of the University of Chicago, and later Lecturer of Sociology and Practical Charities in the University Extension Department of the University of the State of New York, and is at present Field Agent for the Frances E. Willard Memorial Children's Home. He was awarded his doctorate degree in Philosophy because of special studies into the effects of drink and other depraved habits upon the body and mind of succeeding generations and is well qualified to present his subject in an instructive manner. He has lectured and written extensively on this and kindred subjects, always presenting them from a non-partisan and philosophic point of view, entirely free from practical politics. He believes that the evil must be eradicated by the working of true principles and instruction on the mind and heart, rather than by unwise coercion which always creates opposition and repels. A free will offering for the Children's Home will be taken up at the close of the lecture.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's New Steel Rail.

The recent purchase of 28,000 tons of 85 pound steel rail by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad brings the total amount of rail bought since March 1st, 1898, up to 115,300 tons, enough to relay 870 miles of track. Of the new rail ordered, eight thousand tons is to be laid on the lines west of the Ohio river, and twenty thousand tons is to be used as follows: 44 miles on the Philadelphia division; 11 miles on the second division; 13 miles on the third division; 30 miles on the fourth division; 21 miles on the fifth division; 10 miles on the Conneville division, and 21 miles on the Pittsburgh division. Much of the rail that will be taken up is still good enough to be relaid on branches where traffic is not heavy. The Southwestern division between Parkersburg and St. Louis will have forty thousand tons of rail to lay this spring.

Rural Schools.

The "Report of the Committee of Twelve on Rural Schools," which is now being distributed among Highland county teachers, makes some suggestions that could be carried out to the great improvement of the rural school system. Among them is the plan of consolidating the rural districts having few pupils and furnishing free transportation. This permits the establishment of graded schools in the country, with better teachers and better results than under the present plan.

The proposed system has been tried with great success in some of the Eastern States as well as in parts of Ohio, and is being widely discussed by educators all over the country.

ALLENSBURG.

March 12, 1899.

Mrs. Clifford Brewer is visiting here. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Webster visited relatives near Ballast last week.

ANOTHER HORSE THIEF.

Stolen Horse and Buggy Recovered by Marshal Lyle.

Marshal Lyle, of this place, and Marshal Knedler, of Greenfield, are looking for a heavy set man with a velvet cap. Last Saturday a man thus described drove to Kramer's livery stable Saturday with a horse and buggy and asked Phil Kramer if there were any horse buyers in town. Phil told him there would be a buyer in town Monday and the stranger said he believed he would leave his rig there until that time. He was around Sunday morning, since which time his whereabouts have been wholly conjectural.

Monday Marshal Lyle was called up by telephone from Greenfield and informed that a horse and buggy had been stolen from that place. He proceeded to do the old sleuth act with neatness and dispatch, locating the property and turning it over to a representative of the owner, who came over Tuesday.

Music by Wire.

Arrangements have been made by Mr. McKay, of the Cafe, with Manager Kruse, of the local telephone exchange, by which from 9 to 10 o'clock Friday evening a widely scattered audience will hear a fine concert. A microphone will be placed adjacent to the \$5,000 orchestra and connected with the telephone exchange, so that anyone can hear the music who can get at a telephone, either here or at Troy, Piqua, Covington, Dayton, Chillicothe, Wilmington, Greenfield, Bainbridge, Cynthia, Rainsboro, Lynchburg, Blanchester, Georgetown, Sardinia, Martinsville, Farmers, New Vienna, Fayetteville, Chasestown, Mt. Oreb, Buford, Mowrystown, Higginsport, Ripley, Mayaville, Ky., or at any town connected with the local exchange.

The concert will be from 9 to 10 o'clock with the following program: Medley of Scotch and Irish Airs, "Semiramis" Overture, selection from "Martha," "Blue Danube" waltz, selection from "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Poet and Peasant" overture, selection from "Il Trovatore," "Freischütz" overture, selection from "Lucia Borgia," "Vienna Woods" waltzes, and medley of German songs.

The affair is meant as a treat for any who desire to hear this famous instrument, which is pronounced by competent musicians one of the sweetest toned instruments of the kind ever heard in this country.

Hillsboro Republican Corporation Convention.

To the qualified Republican voters of the village of Hillsboro, Ohio:

The qualified Republican voters of Hillsboro corporation will meet on Thursday, March 16th, 1899, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m. at the Council Chamber in said corporation for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following corporation offices to be voted for at the coming spring election:

Three Members of Council, long term.
One Member of Council, short term.
One Water Works Trustee.

The voting to be by ballot, and the person receiving the highest number of votes to be the nominee. The eligibility of voters to be that prescribed in arrangement of Republican County Central Committee for spring primaries which appears in another column, and to which reference is here made.

By order Executive Committee.
T. H. LANGLEY, W. H. WALKER,
Secretary, Chairman.

Probate Court.

Will of Philemon Spencer probated.
Lou W. Major, admr of Paul L. Major, filed second account.

Will of Philip Kuhn probated.
Adam Smith appointed admr with will annexed of Philip Kuhn.

James Carlisle, assignee to Geo W. Haigh, filed second and final account and report of assignee.

John W. Yarger, admr of Wm Yarger, filed second and final account.

O. N. Pulse, trustee of W. A. Pulse, filed second account.

Sarah E. Stroup, admr of Chas Stroup, filed inventory.

Petition filed to establish joint sub-district composed of parts of Clay and Salem townships.

G. A. Ladd, admr to Gerard Ladd filed petition to sell real estate.

W. B. Bennett appointed admr of James Porter.

Farm for Sale.

I will offer my farm of 95 acres, one mile southeast of Hillsboro on the Berryville pike, for sale at public auction at the door of the Court House in Hillsboro, Saturday, March 18th, 1899, at one o'clock. Cash on day of sale. Frank Ayres, Auctioneer. J. W. WATTS, Hillsboro, O.

PATRONS AND SCHOLARS.

Give Expression to the Esteem in Which They Hold Their Teacher.

Pricetown, March 14, 1899.

The grand event of the season was the closing of the Pricetown school on last Friday, taught by Prof. J. S. Faris.

His pupils, after conferring with their parents, perfected arrangements for a surprise dinner. The signal for assembling was to be the ringing of the recess bell. As the bell chimed forth the crowd, which had assembled at the Town Hall, started toward the school house, led by the Pricetown band. On arriving there the band struck up one of its liveliest tunes, while the crowd threw open the doors and filed into the house with tubs, baskets and all kind of vessels filled with eatables. Mr. Faris was so completely surprised that it took him sometime to find words to express himself. Soon three large tables were erected and simply loaded with everything that is good to eat, such as the Pricetown ladies always prepare. After the bounteous dinner was served to the vast crowd and the tables removed, the pupils handed their teacher a well prepared program for the afternoon, which was another surprise to him. The speaking was royal. The music, which was furnished by Rev. Foust and wife, Verna Gossett and W. S. Barker, and also by the band, was not to be excelled. Several speeches were made by the patrons, all speaking in the highest terms of Mr. Faris' ability as an instructor, and, by this time the teacher had so far recovered his voice, as to be able to thank his pupils and patrons for the high honor bestowed upon him.

The people then dispersed, realizing that it had been a day well spent. *

Union Reform Mass Convention.

Members of the Union Reform and all other minority parties and independent voters of Hillsboro and Liberty township are requested to meet at the office of Dr. Walter S. Rudolph next Saturday, March 18th, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination city and township tickets. All persons who believe that "The People Shall Rule" are invited. COMMITTEE.

Farm For Sale.

275 acres of fine land, 40 of which is in timber, situated three miles east of Lynchburg. Two story brick dwelling house and tenant house, good barn, wagon shed, granary, Fairbanks' scales and all necessary out-buildings. Good wells, never failing springs, two splendid stone quarries opened. Terms easy. Call on or address, Daniel Sharp, Lynchburg, O.

No April Fool!

Though the date is No. 1. Easter sale of exquisite hand painted Easter souvenirs by an artist of skill. Cushions, needles, books, rugs, aprons, baby sacques, etc., and everything to comfort the inner man as he plods through this vale of tears. At the parish house of St. Mary's Church.

M. B. YEOMAN, President.

Attention G. A. R.

All members of J. M. Barrere Post No. 205, should see that their dues are paid before the regular meeting on March 21, 1899, for all members in good standing will have their names entered on the calendars that are to be issued at that time.

Farms.

We could sell three or four small farms right now if prices are reasonable. If you want to sell, call and see us at once. RICHARDS & McCLELL, Office over Haynes' Shoe Store.

Marriage Licenses.

Ira T. McClure 30 and Alice E. Roberts 23.
Truman O. Pratt 26 and Estella M. Orbaugh 20.
Perry O. Kincaid 29 and Mary J. Smith 22.

For Rent.

A brick house with all modern improvements. Inquire of W. Hoyt.

Farmers, when in town call and see our binders and mowers. We have some points to show you that no other machine has, with which you will be very much pleased. ROADS, LUCAS & MILLER.

Work of cleaning away the old buildings between the Hogard Building and the Canteen, on West Main street has begun. They will be supplanted by a two story, modern brick building two stories high and extending back 150 feet. The new building will be ready for occupancy early in June and will be occupied by Strain & Whistler's livery stable and meat.